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E.O. 11652:GDS REF: TOYKO 0152

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SUBJECT: CANADIAN-US TERRITORIAL DISPUTE

1. DEPT. HAS NO OBJECTION TO YOUR EXPLORING ISSUES
CONTAINED REFTTEL IN GENERAL WAY WITH LA POINTE.

2. FOR BACKGROUND IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS, DEPT. HAS RECEIVED
FOLLOWING PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS ON AIDE-MEMOIRE FROM MR.
LORNE CLARK IN CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE. WITH RESPECT TO
DIXON ENTRANCE CLARK BELIEVES CANADA IS MOST CONCERNED WITH
ESTABLISHING ARRANGEMENTS TO TAKE CARE OF FISHING VESSEL
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PROBLEMS IN DISPUTED AREA. IN HIS VIEW, TERM PRACTICAL

ARRANGEMENTS ON P. 4 OF MEMOIRE REFERS TO THESE FISHING PROBLEMS. HE BELIEVES CANADA WOULD SUBMIT TO ARBITRATION ON DIXON ENTRANCE, BUT ONLY AS A LAST RESORT AFTER CONSULTATIONS OR NEGOTIATIONS FAIL. HOWEVER, CLARK CANNOT SEE ANY DEFINITIVE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OR ARBITRATION UNTIL THERE IS STRONG MAJORITY GOVERNMENT IN OTTAWA.

3. CLARK BELIEVES MEMOIRE DOES NOT PRECLUDE NEGOTIATIONS ON FISHING ARRANGEMENTS AS LONG AS WE DO NOT CHALLENGE CANADIAN CLAIM IN WAY WHICH FORCES THEM TO EXERT FORCEFUL, VISIBLE SOVEREIGNTY IN AREA.

4. CANADIANS HAVE INFORMALLY PROPOSED BILATERAL MEETING IN OTTAWA IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL TO DISCUSS OUTSTANDING LEGAL PROBLEMS, POSSIBLY INCLUDING TERRITORIAL

PROBLEMS. FORMAL PROPOSAL WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN LETTER TO LEGAL ADVISER. WHEN QUERIED AS TO WHAT THESE MEETINGS MIGHT COVER, CLARK LISTED AB LINE AND OTHER PROBLEMS SUCH AS GREAT LAKES POLLUTION, PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION, AND POSSIBLY STEVENSON PROPOSAL FOR AN AGREEMENT ON SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES. AN AGREED AGENDA COULD BE WORKED OUT BEFORE THE MEETING.

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